

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner Anthony D Barfield	Art Unit 3636

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 4/23/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-7, 13-16, and 23-27 now renumbered as 1-12.
3. The drawings filed on 10 August 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Koecker on 4/27/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 5, line 2 delete the phrase "vehicle attachment" and insert the phrase –a plurality of load transfer—and insert the word –back-- before the word "ballistic".

Claim 6, line 2, insert the word –back-- before the word "ballistic".

Claim 7, line 4, insert the phrase --one of – after the word "wherein" and insert the phrase – said front and back-- before the word "ballistic".

Claim 13, line 3, insert the phrase --one of – after the word "between" and insert the phrase – said front and back-- before the word "ballistic".

Claim 14, line 2. insert the phrase --one of said – after the word "between" and insert the phrase –said front and back-- before the word "ballistic".

Claim 23, on lines 2 and 6 change the word "rear" to --back--.

Claim 24, lines 1-2, delete the phrase "the at least one ballistic plate comprises...with" and on line 3, insert the phrase --said front and back-- before the phrase "ballistic plates"; insert the word –to—before the word "support" and change the word "any" to –the--.

Claim 25, line 1, insert the phrase –said back—before the word "ballistic";

line 2, insert the word –for—before the word “extending”;

line 3, change the words “a second” to –said front-- and on

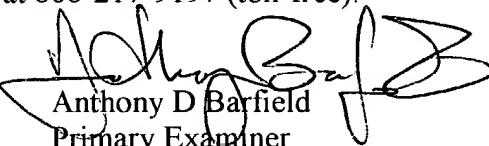
line 4, change the word “second” to –front--.

Claim 26, line 2, insert the word –back-- before the word “ballistic”.

Claim 27, on lines 2 and 6, change the word “rear” to –back--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony D Barfield whose telephone number is 703-308-2158. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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